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Report Highlights:

The AI outbreak in Murighiol village, in Tulcea County in the Danube delta, was declared eradicated this week. All backyard flocks located in the village's protection and surveillance zones tested negative for H5N1. In Tulcea County, the domestic bird population continues to be under surveillance. Wild birds from the region were tested for AI and found negative. The European Commission has removed all AI restrictions implemented during outbreak.

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Avian Influenza outbreak eradication

The recent AI outbreak in the Danube delta area was declared closed at the beginning of January 2008, after Romania's National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority (ANZVSA) confirmed that no further positive results have been found for any domestic or wild birds.

After the confirmation at the end of November of one AI outbreak in Murighiol village in Tulcea county, ANZVSA imposed restrictions to limit and rapidly eradicate the disease (see [RO7015](#)). Transport and marketing of poultry and poultry products are now permitted. The sanitary barriers installed at the village borders and at the Murighiol wharf have been removed.

Starting on November 27, 413 households with 5,367 birds located in the 3-km protection zone were inspected, and 235 households with 6,978 birds in the 10-km surveillance zone were examined. In addition to the controlled areas, the entire area of Tulcea County, which contains 960 households with 29,617 birds, were inspected for AI.

Due to the location of the village in the Danube delta, the Veterinary Authority also tested the wild bird population for AI.

A total of 2,700 blood and tracheal samples were found negative.

Following the thorough evaluation and analysis of AI eradication measures imposed by GOR, the European Commission decided on December 31, 2007 to lift all restrictions that had been imposed by EC Decision 2007/770/CE.